



SOUTHMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes

The Parish Meeting of Southminster Parish Council 19th December 2022, held at Community Hall 2, King George V Memorial Field, Station Road, Southminster, Essex.

Present: Cllr G Harrold, Cllr D Noonan, Cllr Pratt, Cllr Wyn-Davies, Cllr Wilson and Cllr Mische.

In attendance: Joanna Jeffery, Clerk/RFO and six members of the public.

22/238 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Anderson, Cllr Fluker and Cllr Connor.

22/239 To receive and note any declarations of interest:

No declarations were received.

22/240 To receive and approve Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st November 2022.

Proposed by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Mische.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2022 were duly signed by Cllr Harrold, Vice Chair.

22/241 Introduction and presentation to the Energy and Low Carbon Programme in Southminster.

Presentation from Carol Randall, The Energy and Low Carbon Development Officer at Essex County Council.

Cllr Noonan informed that the presentation has been cancelled.

22/242 Public Session – opportunity for members of public to speak:

A resident enquired about a pavements update, the Clerk informed that under the Highways agenda item an update would be given.

22/243 Planning

To discuss and respond to the following planning applications.

Week ending: 2nd December 2022

22/01145/FUL PP-11675244

Change of use part of Southminster Hall to provide a Wedding Ceremony Room and change of use of Southminster Hall grounds to provide wedding venue to

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include siting of wedding reception tent and WC facilities and ancillary parking and conversion of outbuilding to ancillary bridal suite accommodation.

Hall Farm Hall Road Southminster Essex

Southminster Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application but ask consideration is given to noise and opening times. Caution regarding signage and car parking.

22/01166/WTPO PP-11704714

T1 – Horse chestnut – cut back lower limb over grave yard by up to 4.5m. T2 –

Lime – remove epicormic growth to a height of 3m and basal growth. T3 – Oak –

remove any dead from canopy, reduce over extended branches on the east

and west by up to 4m each. T4 – Lime – re-pollard back to previous points by

removing up to 4m, remove low limb on southside as visibly rotten, removal

basal growth and remove epicormic growth to a height of 3m. T7 – Lime – re-

pollard to last pollard point of 1m beyond if decay warrants, by removing up to

5m of re-growth, remove epicormic growth to a height of 3m and remove basal

growth.

2 The Chestnuts Burnham Road Southminster Essex

Southminster Parish Council SUPPORT the Tree Officers recommendation.

Planning

Decisions

Week ending: 9th December 2022

FUL/MAL/2200588

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a row of three terraced dwellings (2 x 2 bed, 1 x 3 bed)

50 High Street Southminster

APPROVE

TCA/MAL/22/01092

G1 Sycamore (x2) - 2 metre height reduction, 1.5m lateral reduction, 1.5m crown lift over adjacent gravestones. All dead wood to be removed. Ivy severed at base.

The Manor Bungalow 1 Station Road Southminster

APPROVED TO PROCEED

LDP/MAL/22/01028

Claim for a lawful development certificate for proposed use of dwelling house for overnight accommodation for wedding guests.

High House Old Heath Road Althorne Essex

REFUSE

Appeal Decisions

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545D/22/3300446/

Proposal: Rear extension to existing bungalow. Demolition of existing garage with new replacement garage to rear of site.

Address: Rosedene 42 Station Road Southminster

APPEAL DISMISSED

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Finance Matters: -

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- a: To receive and approve payment and receipts reports for December 2022, proposed by Cllr Pratt, seconded by Cllr Wilson.
 - b: To approve payments and to sign cheques, Proposed by Cllr Pratt seconded by Cllr Wilson.
 - c: To receive and approve the budget status for December 2022, proposed by Cllr Noonan seconded by Cllr Wilson.
 - d: To receive and approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement to 30th November 2022, deferred to next meeting.
 - e. To discuss and agree additional bank signatory.
To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary.
- RESOLVED: Cllr Misch and Cllr Noonan will be added to the list of bank signatories.**

22/245 Highways

To receive an update and to discuss the following.

- East Bound Road Traffic Act Mandatory Sign replacement at the vehicle gate outside the surgery – Cllr Fluker

The Clerk informed that Cllr Scott had been approached for an update on 12th December 2022, he informs that officers have 10 working days to give an update.

- High Street pavements – Clerk to update

The Clerk read the following from Cllr Scott

High Street Southminster is classified as a priority road which is inspected in its entirety on a quarterly basis. The High Street was last inspected on 5 December 2022 and whilst there are a number of defects, they are not classified as requiring urgent works and so will not be addressed at this time. It is essential we have a robust prioritisation process that allows us to focus on the areas of greatest need with all service requests and defects being assessed and prioritised according to their level of severity.

- Zebra crossing – High Street – Cllr Wilson

Cllr Wilson presented the following to Members

To facilitate the children of the village to be able to walk to the primary school safely I would like Southminster Parish Council to put forward a proposal to go to the LHP requesting a zebra crossing between the Kings head pub and Southminster Church.

Facts:

- A generation ago, 70% of primary school children walked to school but this has dropped to just over half (51%).
- The government has a target in its Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (CWIS) to have 55% of primary school children walking to school by 2025.
- A quarter of all car journeys in the UK are under ONE mile.
- For 5–10 year olds the average trip length to school is 1.5 miles.
- During morning peak traffic times, 1 in 4 cars on the road are taking children school.
- The UK school run alone is responsible for generating half a million tonnes of CO2 per year — more than some small countries.
- A study of air pollution in London found children growing up nearest to busy roads had reduced lung volume, a loss of approximately five per cent in lung capacity — compared to those in less polluted areas. And this isn't just a London problem — that goes for anywhere with busy traffic.
- Every month 1,200 children are injured in traffic related collisions that happen within 500m of a school

Costs of different pedestrian crossings

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- Zebra crossing (including high friction surfacing on approaches) typically costs between £28,000-£43,000.
- Divided zebra crossing (including high friction surfacing on approaches) typically costs between £37,000-£52,000
- Standard single Puffin crossing (including high friction surfacing on approaches) typically costs between £100,000-£120,000 including design fees.
- Standard single Toucan crossing (including high friction surfacing on approaches) typically costs between £120,000-£140,000 including design fees.
- Highlighted crossing point including bollards and associated works typically costs approximately £6,000.
- A typical pedestrian refuge including electrical works and all other associated works costs between £12,000-£16,000.

Potential Funding Streams:

- S.106 money
- Crowdfunding
- Grants from EEC (Brentwood and Braintree have adopted a healthy school street programme with Essex County Council is there anything we can do similar perhaps?)
- Sponsorship (Either from local companies or national companies)

After a brief discussion it was agreed to make a Local Highways Panel application for a Zebra crossing between the Kings Head pub and St Leonard's Church.

22/246 **Dist Cllr's Report – No report.**

22/247 **Proposed new building at King George V Memorial Field**

Update from Cllr Anderson.

Cllr Harrold informed that Southminster Parish Council are still waiting for the planning conditions from Maldon District Council.

22/248 **Christmas Lights**

To receive a debrief regarding Christmas Lights switch on held on 27th November 2022 at St Leonard's Church.

Cllr Wyn-Davies gave Thanks to all those who helped with the switch on, it was commented by Cllr Pratt that it was a lovely atmosphere with the Christingle Service. Cllr Wyn-Davies will work with Rev'd Begley next year to confirm timings.

22/249 **Kings Coronation**

To discuss potential celebrations.

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary.

Cllr Harrold informed that this may be something the events team would be willing to take on. Cllr Wilson offered to join.

22/250 **Southminster Preschool vandalism**

Report submitted from Cllr Connor.

The incident was reported to the police, and advice given to the preschool manager around preventative measures such as CCTV signs.

The incident highlights an ongoing challenge in relation to the young people in the village and a lack of opportunities/activities to keep them occupied during the evenings.

Cllr Connor has spoken to Southminster United FC to look into some funding and opportunities for young people to engage with the football club and will provide a full update at January's meeting.

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22/251 Community Hall 2

To discuss the provision of additional hot water to the disabled toilet.

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary.

Members agreed that the Clerk could authorise if within her remit for the works to be carried out.

22/252 Public Session– opportunity for members of public to speak:

A discussion was had regarding dogs using King George V Memorial field, Cllr Harrold informed that acrylic signs are on order and will be installed around the field as a reminder.

A discussion was had regarding speeding and parking on Burnham Road. Many parents are parking on Burnham Road and it is dangerous. The Clerk will contact the Community Engagement Team to see if they can assist.

22/253 Date of the next meeting:

Monday 16th January 2023.

22/254 Close of business:

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.